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think we've pretty well debated this thing, however, Senator Barnett may want to fill in a few things, but I talked to the Governor twice about this thing, this bill and, and he, I didn't seek him out, I was over there for other purposes, but whether I did or not wouldn't make any difference. It's my business, but anyhow, the Governor informs me that with this amendment on, of Carpenter amendment, he'll veto the bill and I think it's too important of a bill to have vetoed for that reason so, given the Senate another chance at this hidden radar situation and bear in mind that we do have darkness and light in the State of Nebraska and how you could ever get at anyone, for instance, at night because you couldn't see so everything would be hidden, I suppose, lights huh? Well, anyhow I'm not going to dwell on this long. We've had a real debate on general file. I think it's the wrong thing to do and you're going to vote on it and I think it should be, the Carpenter amendment should be taken off of here so that we can pass the bill because it has some merit in it.

PRESIDENT: The Syas amendment is to strike the Carpenter amendment to LB 45 on select file. Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. As one of the prime movers of this bill, I tried to check around to find out if this was in agreement with the majority of people or the majority of knowledgeable people and much to my surprise, they are satisfied with the way the Patrol is operating at the present time with the present use of these electronic speeding devices. I also talked to the Patrol about it and there is no doubt that they would have a view of apprehension about it but they said they said they would work whatever way this group wanted us to, but that they were not satisfied or happy with the amendment because it plays a vital role psychologically in the enforcement program. Might give you an example that was stated that if you'd look at the amendment, you could possibly see where a Patrolman might have somebody stopped and passing car on the highway would go out of view of the Patrol car that was there and could immediately increase his speed up to about 115-120, whatever speed it wanted to go, as long as there was no Patrolman in sight. I know this has been the case in the State of Nebraska where they clocked one at 112 by the helicopter after it passed a Patrolman that had a car stopped. I think there are several things that I thought and I bought Senator Carpenter's amendment because I thought that it would possibly add some State Patrolmen out in the open along the highways, possibly slowing down some of the traffic but I think it's the wrong way to approach it, this body had the opportunity to help that situation with a bill that our study committee introduced, adding State Patrolmen to the Traffic Division, the Public Works Committee killed the bill before I got out of the door so I think that what you have done is, that you could undo this morning and then really meet the responsibility head on by adding some State Patrolmen to the Traffic Division to possibly, coming up with the answer to that solution so I would certainly hope that some of you gentlemen that voted with Senator Carpenter and even in Senator Carpenter's wisdom, I would think that possibly even he knows that it might have been a mistake and that he'd like to go back and undo what has been done and still make this bill a real fine piece of legislation that's had a lot of study put into it so I would therefore support Senator Syas' motion.